

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objected to specification because of informalities relating to the double usage of language.

Applicant has amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner to delete the first occurrence of “dielectric test switch” at page 3, lines 10-11.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nemir et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,262,871, hereinafter Nemir) in view of Whipple et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,392,513, hereinafter Whipple).

Claims 2-5 and 7-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant traverses these rejections and objections for the following reasons.

Applicant has canceled Claim 1, rewritten Claims 2-5 and 7-8 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and amended Claim 6 to depend from allowable Claim 2.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have been traversed, that no new matter has been entered, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections and objections.

Regarding new Claim 23, Applicant has presented Claim 23 with elements of amended Claim 2 in alternative language. No new matter has been added. Support for

Claim 23 may be found in the specification as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of Claim 23.

In light of the forgoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), have been traversed, and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

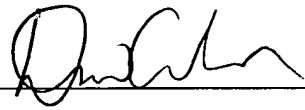
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above identified Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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